

Community Health Aide Program

CERTIFICATION BOARD NEWSLETTER



My Conversation with Sally Harvey

(follow-up to Auntie Sally article by Anchorage Daily News in January 2001 CHAPCB Newsletter)

It's been a very long road for this particular health aide. But when duty calls, Sally Harvey is there. Sally has been a health aide for over 30 years. She began as a volunteer drug official working for a husband/wife duo who were the caretakers for the local post office as well. This was way back before health aides were paid a salary. Back when health aides did the job because somebody had to do it.

After roughly 20 years of service, Sally left the health profession citing "burnout". I will say it's very tough having to do the things that health aides do day-in, and day-out. I have to take care of three children of my own at home, and I can't even imagine having to be responsible for an entire village. I have nothing but respect for you Sally, and I'm happy you decided to come back to work. I'm sure your village is even happier!

Sally is one of seven girls, two of which have passed on. Sally's sister Alice lives in Selawik, Rosie lives in Kotzebue, Evelyn and Mary Lou both reside in Noorvik, which is where Sally

roams!

She has three brothers, two of which have passed on. Her remaining brother Elwood lives in Ambler. Her brothers and sisters are spread out throughout the Northwest Arctic Borough.

Sally herself has five children; two sons, and three girls. Between them she has several grandchildren! One of her daughters lives in Juneau/Sitka, and the other two live in Noorvik respectively. Both of her sons live in Noorvik too.

I asked Sally how she felt about the CHA program. She responded "I don't think about it, I just do it." She says that she takes it for granted, but that's only because she's been working for so long. She says "when I was hired, there was only one piece of paper to fill out."

We started out helping other people, supporting them over the years. Then they started training us, giving us more responsibilities, more medicines, we now have our own pharmacy.

She felt that she needed training when she first began. She said "I almost quit when I found

out what could happen to a person!" Her dad encouraged her to stick with it, and since then she has. Her husband Charlie Harvey Sr. was also a very good support person, he passed on in 1994.

She says that health aides now have better communication because of telemedicine. The doctors can see and instruct us what to do. I would use it but I don't know how to type. Sally is looking forward to learning, she specifically spoke about the touch screen monitor. I think those are cool too!

Sally enjoys playing bingo, and still enjoys camping at her parent's traditional camp after break-up.

She'd like other health aides to know that she enjoys working and helping other people. If there are any young people out there, I wouldn't be working now if it weren't for my young CHAs whom I supervise, you know who you are.

Take care of yourself Sally Harvey. God Bless.

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Special points of interest:

- Sally Harvey profile
- March 2001 Certifications
- Cancer Information Service (CIS): Can it help me?
- Forum
- Summary of Board Actions

March 2001 Certifications—Congratulations!!!

The following CHA/Ps were board certified in March 2001.

Aleknagik

Margie Aloysius, CHP ☺

Ambler

Nellie Sheldon, CHA I

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Minto

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Nenana

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New Stuyahok

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Nondalton

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Northway

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Perryville

Elizabeth Kosbruk, CHP ☺

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Caroline Finney, CHP ☺

Pilot Station

Beverly Tinker, CHA II

Port Graham

Darlene Anahonak, CHP ☺

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Agnes Miller, CHP ☺ ΔΔ

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Bertha Ohman, CHP ☺

White Mountain

Carol Ashenfelter, CHP ΔΔ

Yakutat

Barbara Johnson, CHP ☺ **

☺ Denotes a CHA/P who has renewed certification.

ΔΔ Denotes a CHA/P who has upgraded.

** Denotes a CHA/P who has served over 20 years.

If you have over 20 years of experience and it has not been noted, please contact this office at 729-3642 or by email at:

Cancer Information Service (CIS): How can it help me?

The Cancer Information Service (CIS) is a national resource for information and education about cancer. It is a program of the National Cancer Institute, the nation's primary agency for cancer research.

For more information call 1-800-4CANCER or visit their website at <http://www.nci.nih.gov>

The CIS provides the latest, most accurate information about cancer to patients and their families, the public and health professionals. The CIS operates a toll-free Telephone Service (1-800-4-CANCER) available Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Alaska time and an active Partnership Program, and it participates in health communications research.

The CIS Telephone Service responds to 500,000 calls each year. Callers speak with information specialists who are specially trained to explain scientific information in

easy-to-understand terms. CIS staff answer questions about ways to prevent cancer, screening tests, cancer risk, symptoms, diagnosis, current treatments and research studies. The CIS answers call in English and Spanish. Deaf and hard of hearing callers with TTY equipment may call 1-800-332-8615.

The CIS Partnership Program works with more than 4,500 organizations nationwide to take cancer information to populations that have high cancer rates but are less likely to call the CIS. These include ethnic and minority groups that lack health information because of low education levels, poverty, language barriers, and other issues.

The CIS takes part in research studies to find new ways to communicate information that will help people quit smoking, eat more fruits and vegetables, get regular cancer

screening tests, and make other healthy lifestyle choices.

Do you want to include a cancer education article in your community newsletter? It is easy and free.

"Ask the CIS" is a short, easy-to-read cancer column available to newspapers, magazines and other publications. The column is free and based on the latest cancer information from the National Cancer Institute. Four question-and-answer columns are produced monthly by the Cancer Information Service of the Mid-South. The columns can be downloaded in Word and text formats.

<http://www2.kcr.uky.edu/cis/AskCIS.htm>

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CHAP Forum 2001-April 30 to May 4—"Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies"

At the time this newsletter went to print, over 80 Community Health Aides/Practitioners were registered for the CHAP Forum 2001. The Hawthorn Suites, 1110 West 8th Avenue, Anchorage, will be the location for all Forum events including the EMS Skills competition.

The Forum is a great source of continuing medical education and

participants will get one university credit toward their Associate of Applied Science degree. Featured CE tracks include diet/exercise, cancer, mental health, injury prevention, and domestic violence.

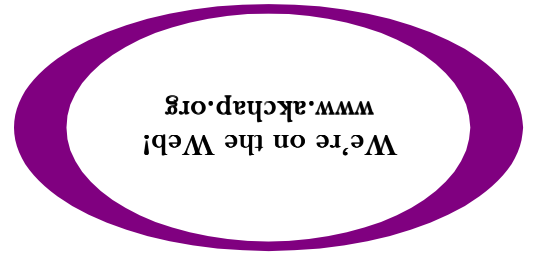
The CHAP Forum is also an important time for the CHA Association to meet and hold their annual meeting. A CHA Recognition Banquet is planned the evening of May

1st and a luncheon buffet will be held May 2nd with Father Michael Oleksa as our featured speaker.

We are looking forward to a week of learning, friendship, and fun as CHA/Ps from throughout the state come together for this event. The next CHAPCB newsletter will provide highlights of Forum 2001 activities.

Summary of Board Actions to Date

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| 1. Approved Community Health Aide Program Standards and Procedures 7/30/98. Amended 9/25/98, 10/23/98, and 2/26/99. | 4. Certified 415 Community Health Aides/Practitioners: | |
| 2. Certified three Training Centers: | Community Health Aide I | 25 |
| ■ ANTHC, Anchorage 1998 | Community Health Aide II | 19 |
| ■ SEARHC, Sitka 1999 | Community Health Aide III | 41 |
| ■ NSHC, Nome 2000 | Community Health Aide IV | 24 |
| 3. Held 23 meetings (10 by teleconference) | Community Health Practitioner | 306 |



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Next meeting: June 26-28, 2001

- Note: All meetings are open to the public
- Meetings will be held in Anchorage unless announced otherwise
- Other 2001 meetings:
 - June 26-28 in Nome
 - October 23-25